From: Gregory Stafford MP Sent: 29 January 2025 16:39

To: POCorrespondence

Subject: Lower Thames Crossing (Case Ref: GS04549)

Dear Lilian,

I have been contacted by my constituent, Linda Delve, regarding the Lower Thames Crossing.

I would be most grateful for your comments on the issues outlined in her email below.

Thank you for your help, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish,



Gregory Stafford MP Member of Parliament for Farnham and Bordon (including Haslemere, Liphook, and surrounding villages)

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Dear Greg

I'm writing to you today to raise my concerns about the Lower Thames Crossing. I appreciate I'm a resident of Farnham and Bordon. However, I'm regular user of the Dartford Crossing to visit family and friends.

I wanted to raise the follow points and if you can raise them for me before any decisions are made.

I'd also like to find out if there has been any consultation or consideration to a new railway to include freight to give a better access to the docks?

These are my bullet points;

- It will cause 7 years of construction misery and costs
- Will only provide 5 years of relief at Dartford (when it opens in 2032 or later)
- It will cost at least £10bn
- Latest DfT figures shows it would only bring £3bn of benefits a huge drain on the economy
- If private finance is used, tolls at Dartford and LTC are likely to be higher as a result
- Even with private finance, the public will still have to pay for all the additional roads and road widenings needed to make the LTC function (that National Highways stripped out of the original application)
- A public transport crossing and investment in rail freight would bring better benefits at lower cost

Thank you for your help.

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